and that the 'C' class prisoners are accustomed to buttermilk, then will they be pleased to supply buttermilk to them?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"That depends upon the information which may be placed before me."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"Will the Government be pleased to state if they tried to substitute any other thing for buttermilk without exceeding the cost?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"No, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know if the Superintendents of Jails have not recommended the supply of buttermilk without any extra cost being incurred?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"They have not."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"Is it merely the question of cost
11-30 a.m. that has made the hon. the Law Member think that buttermilk is not required for 'C' class prisoners?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"It is not the question of cost alone."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I know the reason why the Government is so much opposed to buttermilk?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Because all the prisoners do not require it."

* 79 *Q.*—[*Cancelled.*]

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Return of the thali belonging to Mrs. Prabhu.

* 80 *Q.*—Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the *thali* belonging to Mrs. Prabhu was returned to her; and

(*b*) if not, in whose possession it now is?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The *thali* is in the office of the District Magistrate of Malabar. It has been ordered to be returned on application to Mr. or Mrs. Prabhu who have been informed accordingly.

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask the hon. the Home Member whether the Government would return the *thali* to the party concerned without any application from her?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I am prepared to consider the suggestion."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"Was there any correspondence between the Government and Mr. and Mrs. Prabhu?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Between the jail authorities and Mr. and Mrs Prabhu."

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Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"When this matter came up for discussion in this House some months ago, did not the hon. the Home Member promise to consider the question of returning the *thali* to Mrs. Prabhu without any application from her?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"As a matter of fact we asked the Superintendent of the Jail to ascertain from Mrs. Prabhu whether she would take back the *thali*. She said 'no.' Therefore the *thali* is kept there and Mrs. Prabhu can take it whenever she wants it."

Alleged beating of Kunhambu Adiyodi and P. Raman by the Reserve Police, South Kanara, on 2nd March 1932.

* 81 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: With reference to question No. 1072 answered on 21st March 1932 regarding the beating of Kunhambu Adiyodi and P. Raman on 2nd March 1932 in Kanhangod, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the report in connexion with Dr. Pai's letter regarding the same; if so, what the report received regarding the same is and whether the hon. the Home Member will be pleased to place a copy of the same on the table of the House;

(*b*) whether the report is merely the statement of the Police or result of any enquiry that has been held; if so, who were the persons examined by the enquiring officer;

(*c*) whether the hon. the Home Member will be pleased to place on the table of the House a copy of Dr. Pai's letter to the hon. the Home Member together with the certificate of injuries given by the medical officer in charge of the Kanhangod Hospital showing that Kunhambu Adiyodi had received 56 injuries and P. Raman 21 injuries; and

(*d*) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(*a*) Yes. The facts as reported by the District Magistrate are as follows. On the forenoon of the 2nd March 1932 a procession consisting of some volunteers and a crowd of about 30 persons went along the road headed by the two volunteers referred to in Dr. Pai's letter, shouting revolutionary slogans and distributing leaflets. They were stopped by the Police and after warning were ordered to disperse. On their refusal to obey, they were dispersed and the two volunteers in question received injuries. The two volunteers then walked to the railway station about three-fourths of a mile away to take train to their homes. Subsequently they returned in a car with Dr. Ganesh Pai between 12 and 1 p.m. and were admitted to the Local Fund Dispensary at 3 p.m. which is the hour at which the doctor comes to the hospital. One was discharged on the second day of admission and the other on the third day.